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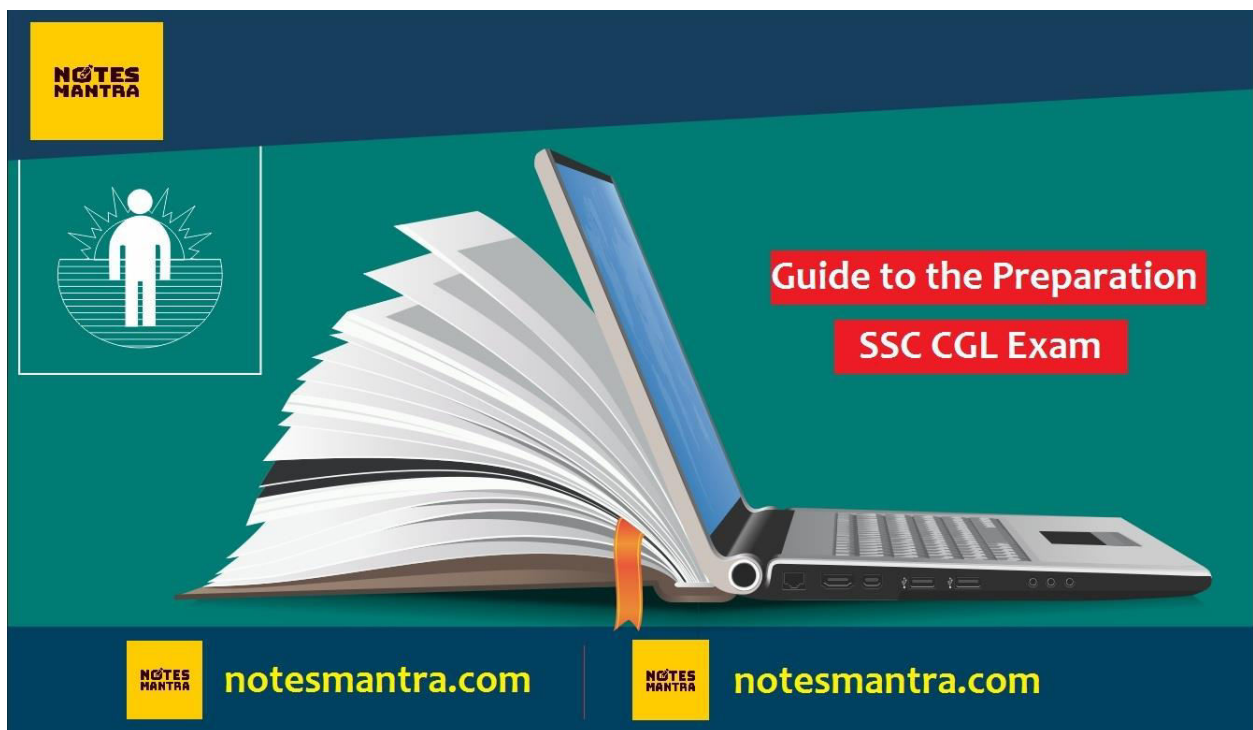
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Why is the Indian Civil Services most prestigious occupation nationwide?

The numerous job opportunities encompassed within the sphere of Indian Civil Services have the capability to provide an officer with the greatest powers and authorities in comparison to other services in the nation. This is the reason why Indian Civil Service is touted to be one of the most prestigious occupations throughout the country.

This job is a package of what people can dream of in a job. Attractive salary packages, opportunities of foreign travel, job satisfaction and security, etc are just a few things that one can earn being in this occupation.

The Union Public Service Commission Examinations attracts aspirant from the lengths and breadths of the country. The selected aspirants serve in all India Services and Indian civil services.



The Indian Civil Services is further split into the Indian Police Services (IPS), Indian Forest Services (IFS) and Indian Administrative Services (IAS) and various other services. These services when put together form the spine of the administrative

machinery of India. The Union Public Service Commission is the governing bodies of these civil services responsible to recruit personnel under its various parallels. The rigorous process of selection lasts almost for a year.

Let us gain a deep insight into these three parallels of the civil services:

Indian Administrative Services (IAS)

Formerly known as the Imperial Civil Services, the Indian Administrative Services (IAS) was founded on 26th January 1950. It is the topmost civil service by and for the government of India. Amongst the other civil services like IFS, IPS, etc. IAS is deemed to be the highest administrative post.

An IAS is responsible to represent the government in various multilateral and bilateral negotiations. There also command districts as their district collectors.

The Indian Administrative Services are the permanent bureaucracies of India. They also are a part of the executive branch. The recruits of IAS can be employed by the Union or State Government as well as the public sector undertakings.



Indian Police Services (IPS)

Formed in the year 1948, the Indian Police Services is one of the three All India Services. The authoritative body for Indian Police Services is the Ministry of Home Affairs. IPS is

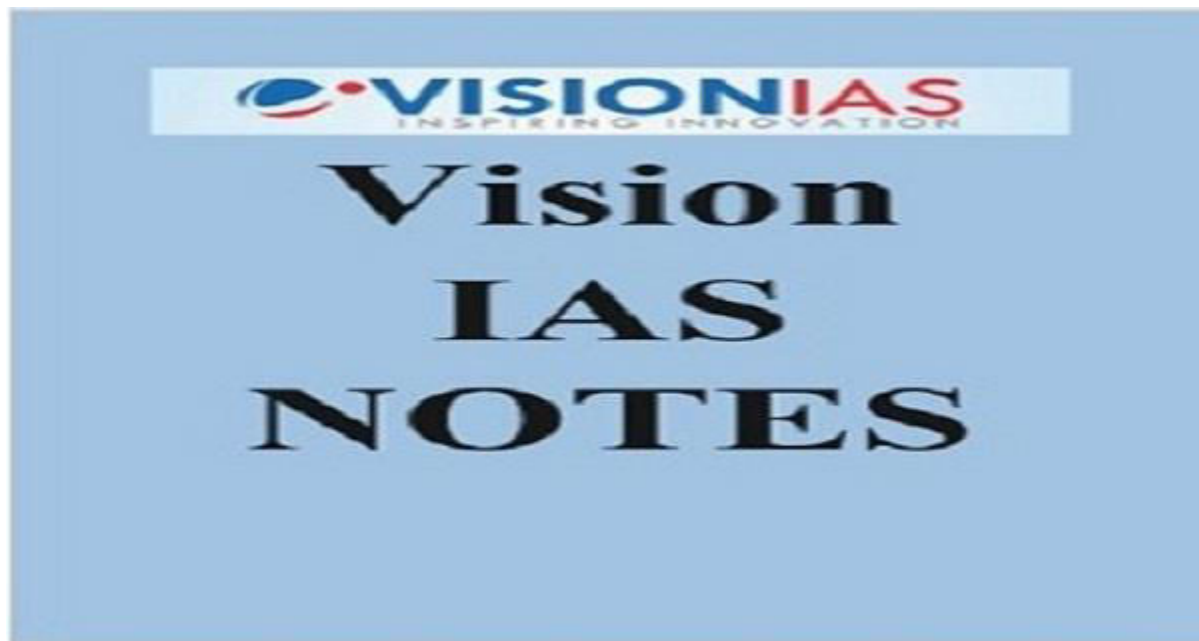
further split into 5 functional branches such as the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Traffic Bureau, Home Guards and Crime Branch.

The primary responsibilities of an IPS officer include safeguarding public and maintaining peace. They serve state as well as the central government. They work towards detecting and preventions of crimes and accidents, controlling traffic and maintaining law and order.

They also lead and command various Intelligence Agencies such as the Research & Analysis Wing (RAW)), Intelligence Bureau (IB), Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Criminal Investigation Department.

Indian Forest Services (IFS)

IFS was founded in the year 1966. The examination for Indian Forest Services are regulated by UPSC. The primary responsibility involves scientific management of forests. Cadres are recruited into the Indian Forestry Services. These services are placed under both State and joint cadres. However, there is a mandate for them to serve both central and state governments.



An IFS officer ensures the implementation of various National Forest Policies that can maintain environmental stability and ecological balance. IFS officers are also involved into dealing with the diplomacies, trades and cultural relations of India.

One of the responsibilities of IFS officers includes representing the nation in its embassies along with other multilateral organizations, high commissions and consulates. The Indian Forest Services play an important role in shaping up the foreign policies of our country along with smoothening the diplomatic ties with other nations.

While preparing for the civil services exams, the quality of what you read should be given equal importance compared to how much you read.

There are various institutes and coaching center that offer coaching for preparation. However, the internet also provides lots of comprehensive options that offer [UPSC notes](#).

How to prepare for UPSC?

- 1) Check out the reviews on the websites that offer **UPSC notes**. Buy notes from the one that has the best possible reviews from aspirants.
- 2) You may borrow **IAS notes** or various other preparation material related to UPSC from your seniors or fellow aspirants.
- 3) [IAS notes](#) would help you summarize the vast topics allowing you to focus on what is relevant.
- 4) Apart from the **UPSC notes**, practice the various mock tests series available online.

You can also jot down pointers from the topics that you go through for revision purposes. Do not overburden yourself with going through irrelevant study materials. Consult your seniors and teachers before buying any material for preparation.

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